

HOUSE RESOLUTION 38

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor William and Pansy McNabb of Unicoi upon their recognition by the Worldwide Marriage Encounter as the longest-married couple in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the second Sunday in February is annually observed as World Marriage Day; twenty-eight years ago, the custom came about through the efforts of Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME); and

WHEREAS, in October of 2010, WME created a program which called for nominations nationwide to recognize the longest married couple in each state; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2011, WME recognized William and Pansy McNabb of Unicoi, who have shared wedded bliss for sixty-nine years, as the longest-married couple in Tennessee. The couple was nominated by their daughter, Deborah Miles, and Bob and Janel Lange of Kingsport, former area coordinators for WME in East Tennessee, presented Mr. and Mrs. McNabb with a letter of appreciation from the Ecclesiastical Committee, a certificate of recognition, and a Congressional letter; and

WHEREAS, William and Pansy McNabb first met as children; they both attended the same one-room schoolhouse, and young William gave young Pansy a valentine; and

WHEREAS, The McNabbs were joined in holy matrimony in Unicoi three days before Pansy McNabb's eighteenth birthday and one month before William McNabb's twentieth birthday, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNabb served with valor and distinction in the United States military as a proud member of the Seventy-Sixth General Hospital during World War II; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. McNabb's tour of duty, Mrs. McNabb, who was pregnant with the couple's first child, moved in with her mother, and it was two years and three months before the couple was reunited; and

WHEREAS, William and Pansy McNabb's endless love and complete devotion to one another prevailed through the war and blossomed into a lifetime of joy and companionship; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced five children, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-nine years their blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, William and Pansy McNabb have shared a lifelong, beautiful love filled with many happy memories; to this day, Pansy McNabb still coordinates the couple's outfits, a symbol of adoration and commitment. Marriages such as the McNabbs' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate William and Pansy McNabb upon their recognition by the World Marriage Encounter as the longest-married couple in Tennessee, applaud their sixty-nine years of marriage, and extend to them our best wishes for continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.